

## **RESPONSE**

### **Status of the Claims**

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2 through 4 are dependent on Claim 1. Claims 2 through 4 are re-presented. Claim 5 has previously been allowed. Accordingly, Claims 1, 2, 3, and 4 are pending for further examination.

### **Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 112 (second paragraph)**

The Examiner has rejected Claim 1 because it recited the limitation “the interconnected assembly”. There was insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation in the claim.

The Examiner rejected Claims 2 through 4 as they are dependent upon Claim 1, and thereby inherently contain the same deficiencies.

Claim 1, as noted by the Examiner, formerly recited a limitation having insufficient antecedent basis. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 1 no longer recites the limitation “the interconnected assembly” and Applicant believes that Claim 1, as amended, is now in proper form for allowance.

### **Conclusion**


Applicant respectfully submits that the amended Claim 1 is now in proper form and that such Claim defines patentably over the known prior art. Claims 2 through 4 are dependent on Claim 1 and Applicant respectfully submits that, in light of the amended Claim 1, Claims 2 through 4 are now in proper form and that such Claims define patentably over the known prior art. Claim 5 was previously allowed. Therefore, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited.

This response is made in light of the foregoing requested Amendments to the Application and is believed by Applicant to be fully responsive to the Office Action mailed to Applicant on

November 20, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of his Application for Letters Patent in light of the amendments and the foregoing response.

Applicant respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner in the event that this Amendment and Response is perceived to be in anywise deficient or in the event that the Examiner believes that same may valuably clarify issues or move this application toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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